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Peep! Peep! Thomas is a very useful engine on the Fat Controller's Railway and he has some very useful ideas! In the story that begins on page 3, Thomas has an idea that should please the children on the Island of Sodor! Don't miss our second story either when the Fat Controller is given a very special award indeed! Peep! Peep!

SPECIAL COMPETITION!

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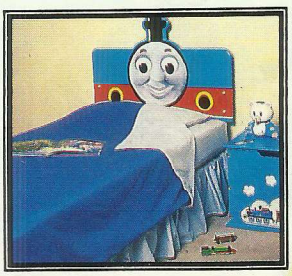

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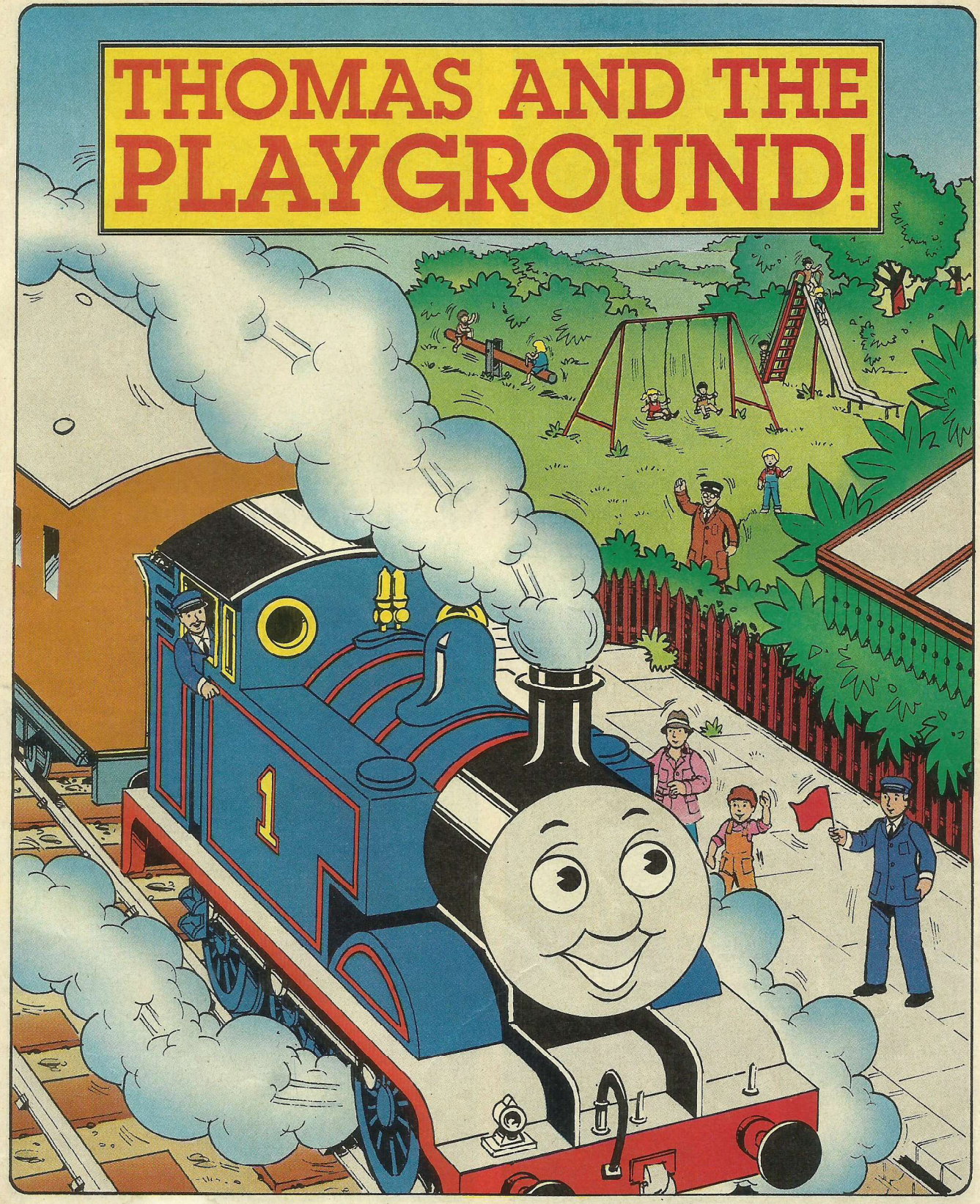


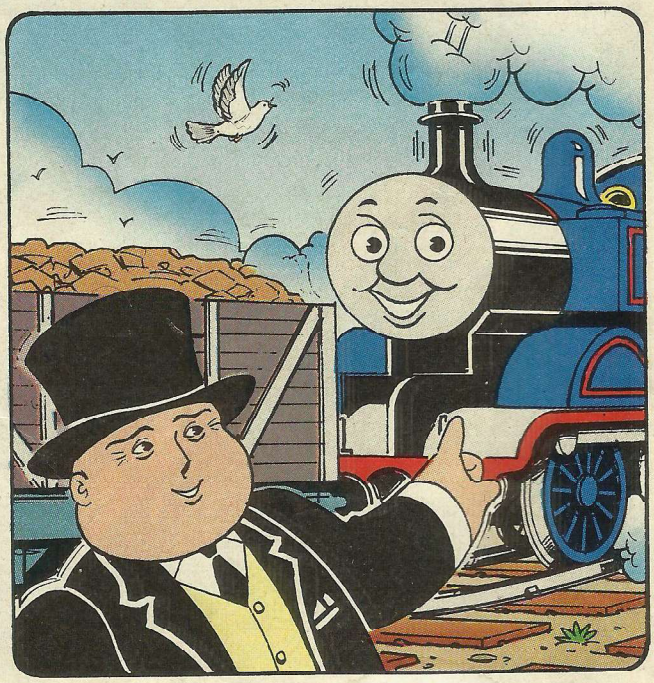
1. One morning, Thomas was pulling Annie and Clarabel along his branch line. "Peep! Peep!" whistled Thomas as he pulled into Wellsworth Station to collect some passengers.

2. By the station, there was a park with a children's playground in it. Children were playing on the swings. When they saw Thomas waiting at the station, they waved to him.

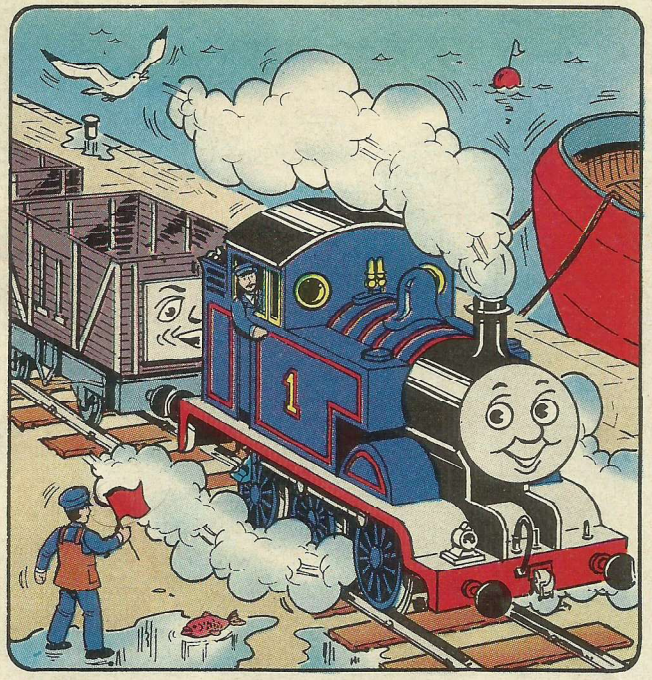
3. "Peep! Peep!" called Thomas cheerily. The park-keeper came to see Thomas. "The children look as though they are having a grand time!" Thomas's driver said to the park keeper.

4. "They would much rather play on the beach," the park-keeper laughed. "The children enjoy the swings and slide. But they also like to dig in the sand and build sandcastles!"

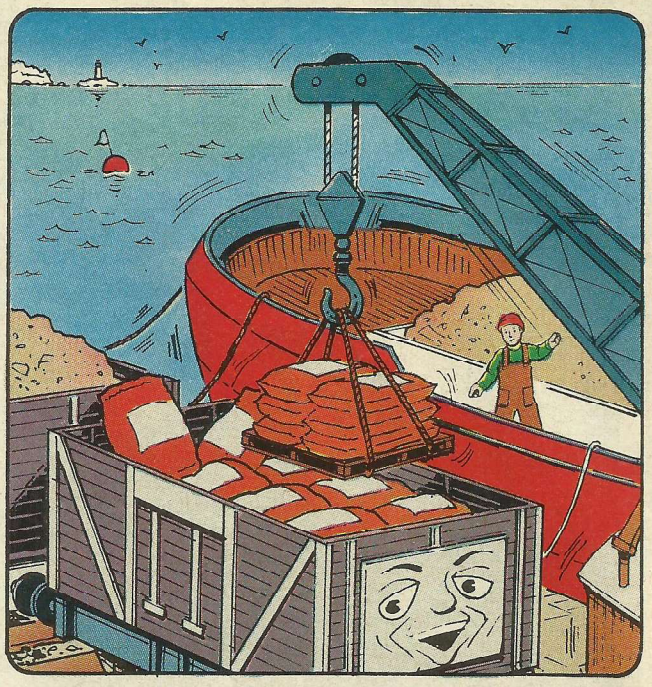
5. "They must wait until the summertime to do that! Then the weather is nice and warm," said Thomas's driver. "It's too cold and windy to go on the beach now!"



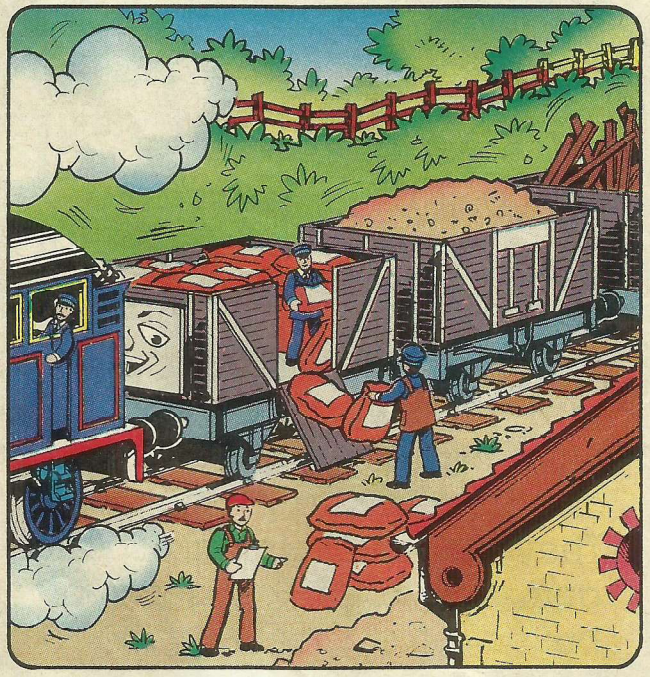
6. That afternoon, Thomas was shunting trucks in the Main Station yard. The Fat Controller spoke to him. "I want you to deliver some materials to the builder's merchant!" he said.



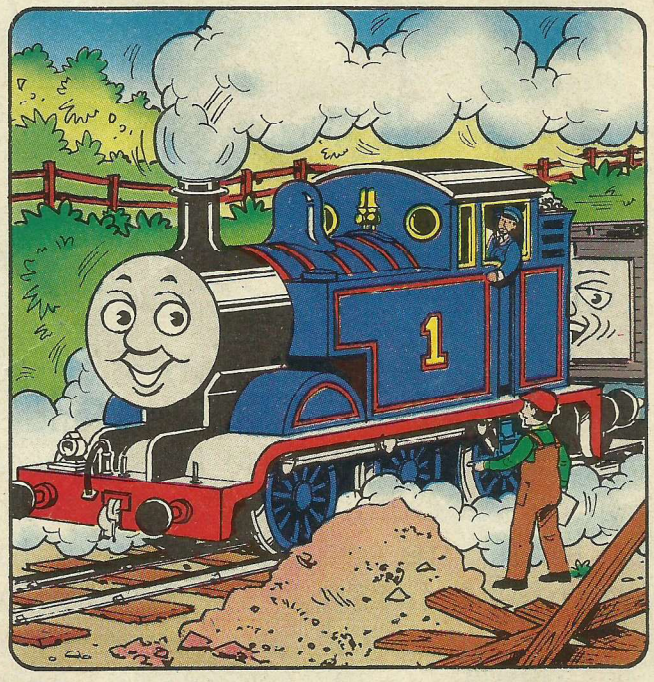
7. "Of course, sir!" replied Thomas. He was coupled to some empty trucks. Thomas set off for the Big Harbour where the materials were arriving on a big ship from the mainland.



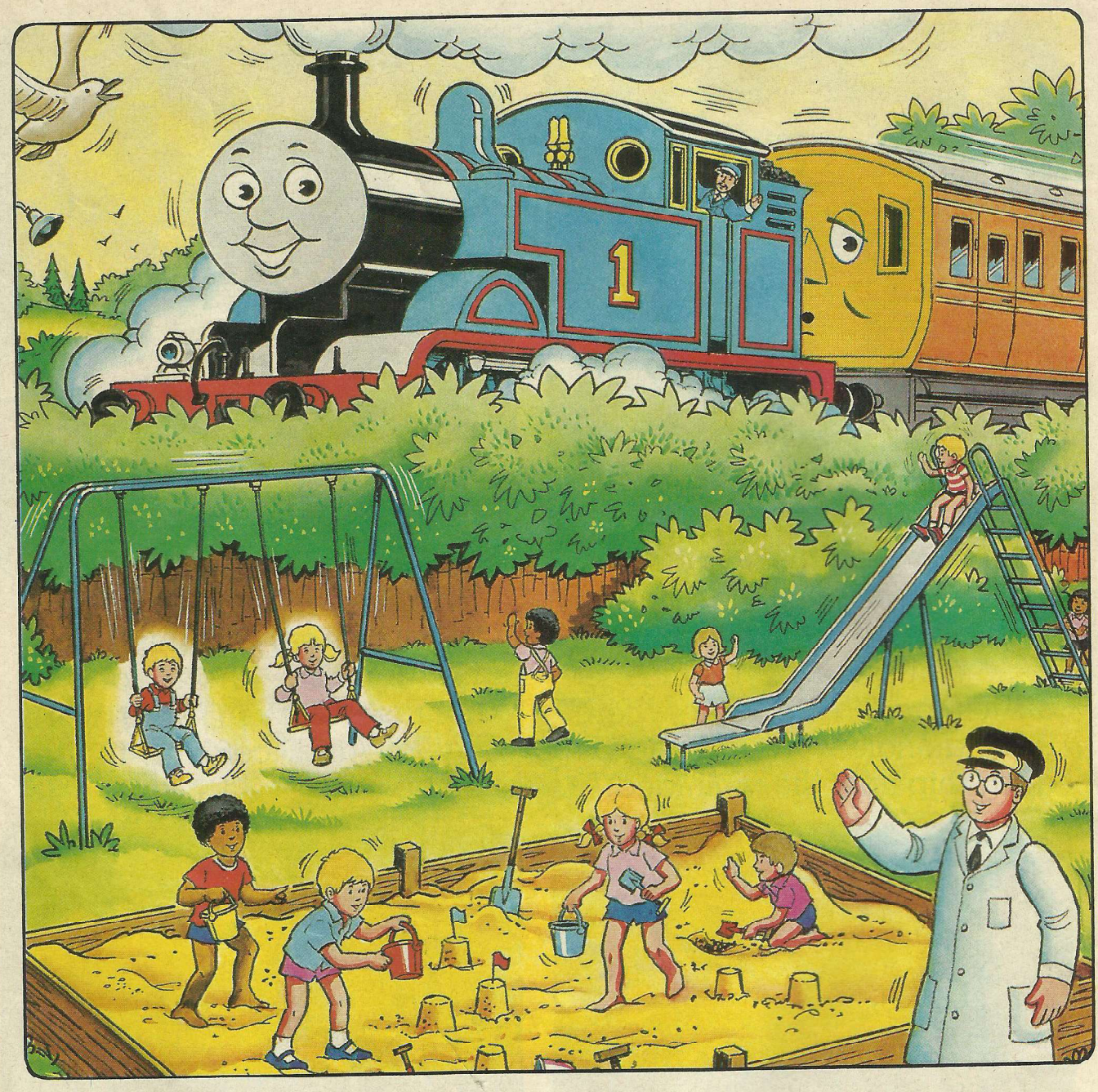
8. A big crane lifted all the materials from the ship's hold and loaded them on to Thomas's trucks. There were bags of sand, cement, timber and bricks.



9. Puffing very hard, Thomas pulled the heavy trucks slowly to the builder's merchant. "I wonder what these bags of sand will be used for!" thought Thomas.



10. "We have much more sand and timber than we need!" said the manager. "What shall we do with it all?" "Could we build a new sand pit for the children?" said Thomas.



11. "Splendid!" laughed the manager. "I don't like materials going to waste!" He telephoned the Fat Controller. Thomas took the spare sand and timber to the Main Station. The men unloaded the materials. The park-keeper closed the children's playground and the railway engineers set to work lifting the heavy planks and unloading the sand.

12. Next day, Thomas pulled into Wellsworth Station and was happy to see lots of children in the playground. They had buckets and spades and were happily digging and building sandcastles in the big, new sand pit the engineers had built. "Hello, Thomas!" they called excitedly. "Thank you for our lovely sand pit! It's just like playing on the beach!"

THE END!

In our next issue: Trevor's special task!

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A Read Aloud story!

BOUNCING ABOUT!

A shipment of coal had arrived at the Big Harbour. The Fat Controller sent Thomas and Percy to collect the coal and bring it to the Main Station yard. At the harbour, a crane loaded the coal into Percy's trucks.

"We must return by the seaside line!" the Harbour Stationmaster told Thomas and Percy. "The other line is being mended!"

"Peep! Peep! What a treat!" whistled Thomas cheerily. He liked the seaside. So did Percy. "It's a lovely sunny day to visit the coast!" he said.

Percy's trucks were soon full so he set off before Thomas.

"Goodbye, Thomas! I'm off to paddle my wheels in the sea!" teased Percy. Thomas laughed. Engines don't paddle!

The seaside line runs very close to the beach. As Percy puffed steadily along it, he saw boys and girls bathing and splashing in the water. Some more children were building sandcastles.

Then Percy saw something very strange. Two children were jumping up and down on a springy bed. Percy was puzzled.

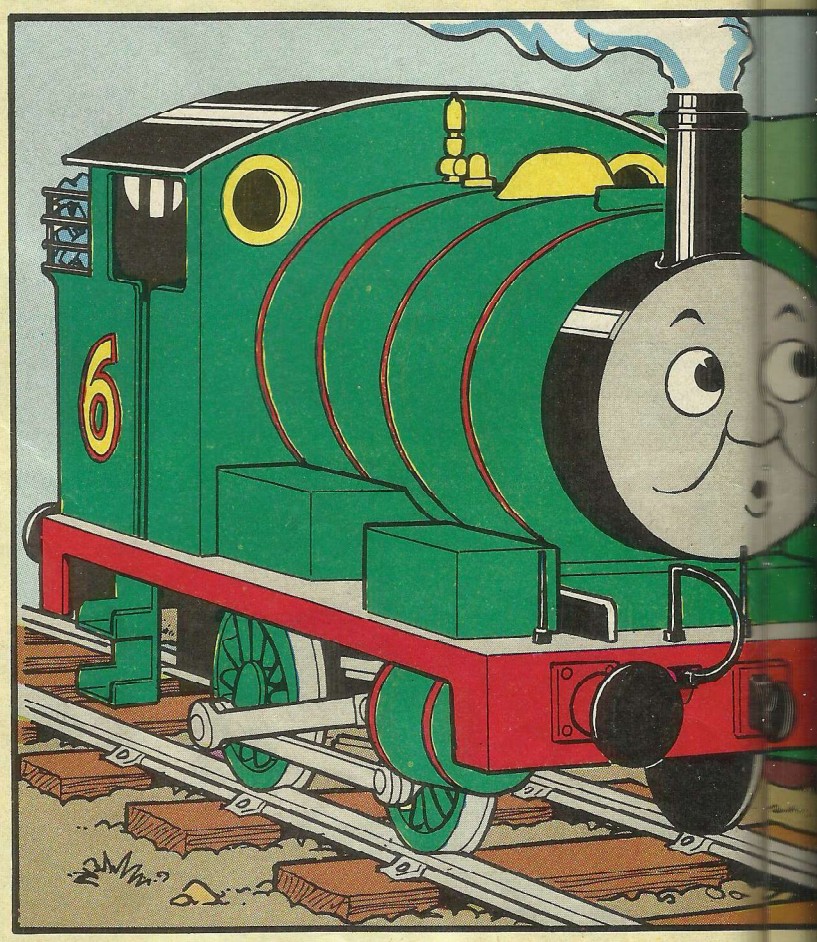
"Cinders and ashes!" he gasped. "How can those children jump so high?"

"They are using a trampoline" said Percy's driver. Children enjoy bouncing about on it!"

Later, in the yard, Percy told Thomas about the trampoline.

"Children have such good fun," sighed Percy. "I wish I could bounce about!"

"I don't!" said Thomas. "I saw the trampoline, too. I think bouncing up and



down looks very uncomfortable!"

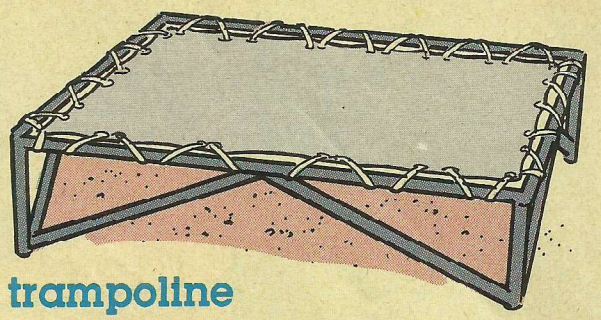
"You're just jealous!" said Percy.

The Fat Controller came to see them.

"Thomas must return to the harbour to fetch more coal," he said. "Percy, I want you to collect some timber from the sawmill."

"Please, sir! Can I get the coal?" asked Percy. But the Fat Controller was very firm and shook his head. Grumbling, Percy set off for the sawmill.

"It's not fair!" he huffed. "I wanted to see the trampoline again!"



trampoline

The sawmill manager was waiting for Percy.

"Go right to the end of the siding," he said. "The workmen have stacked the timber there, ready to be loaded!"

Percy puffed slowly into the siding. The timber was loaded onto his trucks. Puffing hard, Percy backed up. The trucks were very heavy indeed. The weight made the ground slip underneath them. Sleepers came loose beneath the track. Percy felt wobbly on his wheels as the rails moved.

"Go slowly, Percy! These rails are very springy!" warned Percy's driver. Then Percy's driver said "I will tell the Fat Controller to have the track repaired immediately!" Percy bounced from side to side on the rail.

At last, he left the siding. Percy was relieved to be on firm track again.

"Phew! Thomas was right!" he said. "Bouncing about is very uncomfortable, indeed!"

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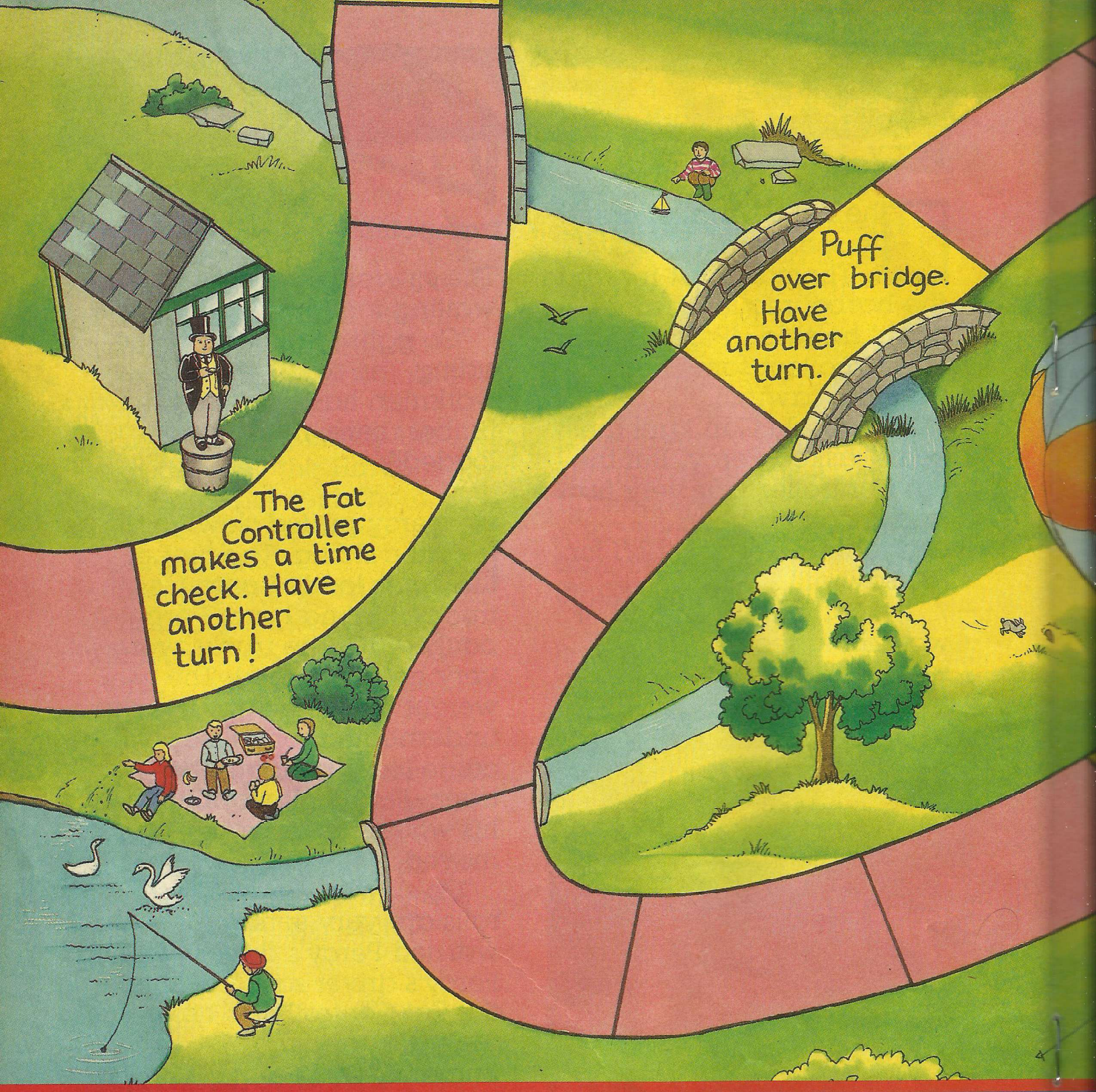

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Whistle to Trevor. Go forward 2!

Startled by hot-air balloon. Go back 3

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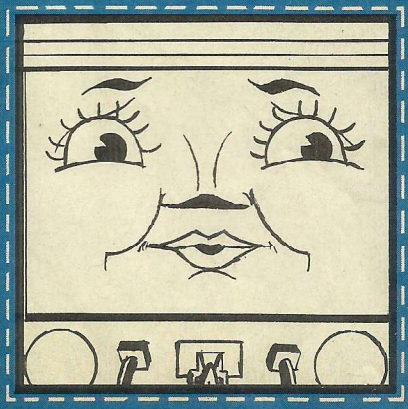

Can you see Trevor the Traction Engine?
Point to the Fat Controller!
Look at the village fête!
How many stalls can you count?
Can you see the hot air balloon?
Point to the finishing line!

JOIN THE DOTS!

Stephen is keeping a firm foot on the ground
Join the dots to see what turns the water round!

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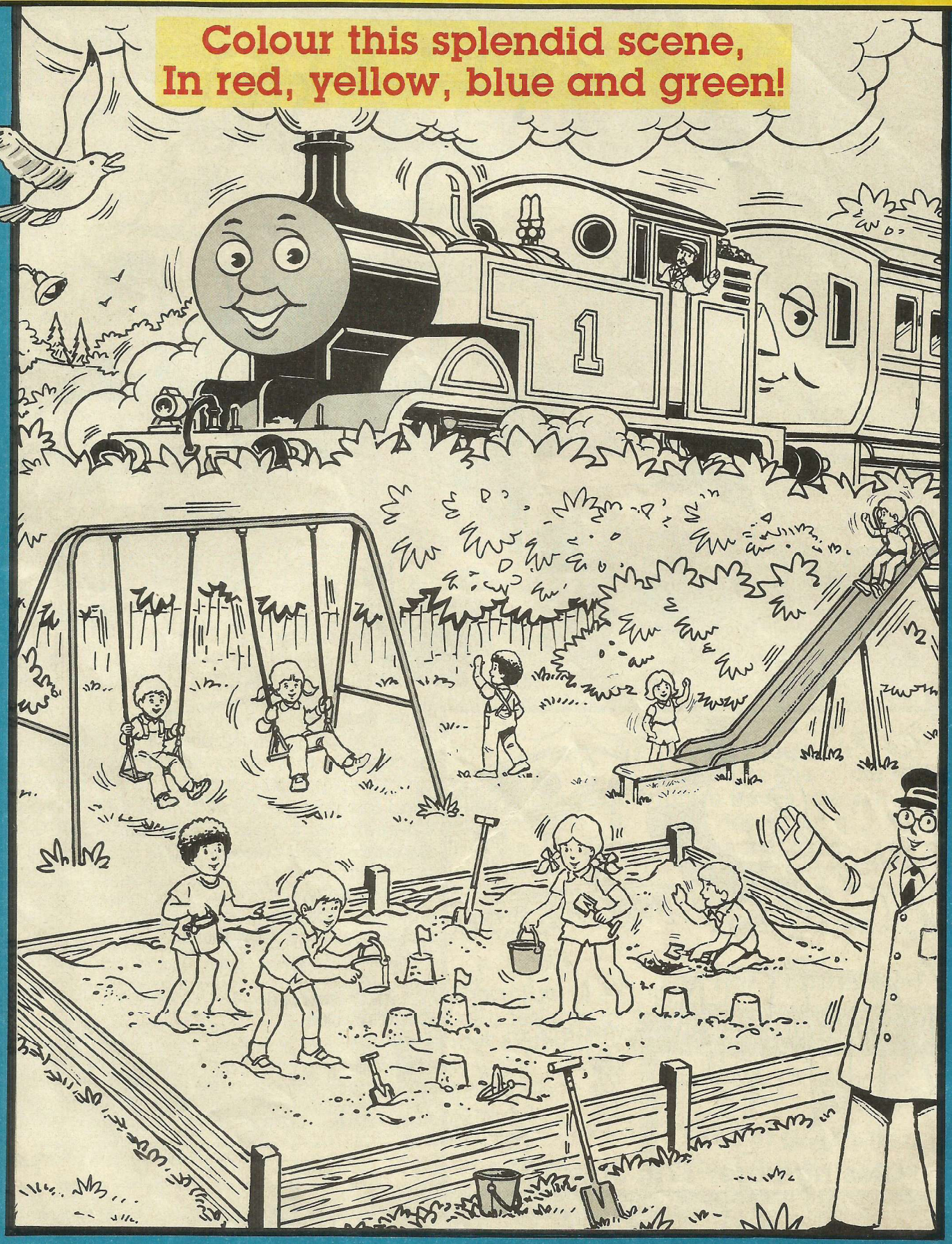
In red, yellow, blue and green!



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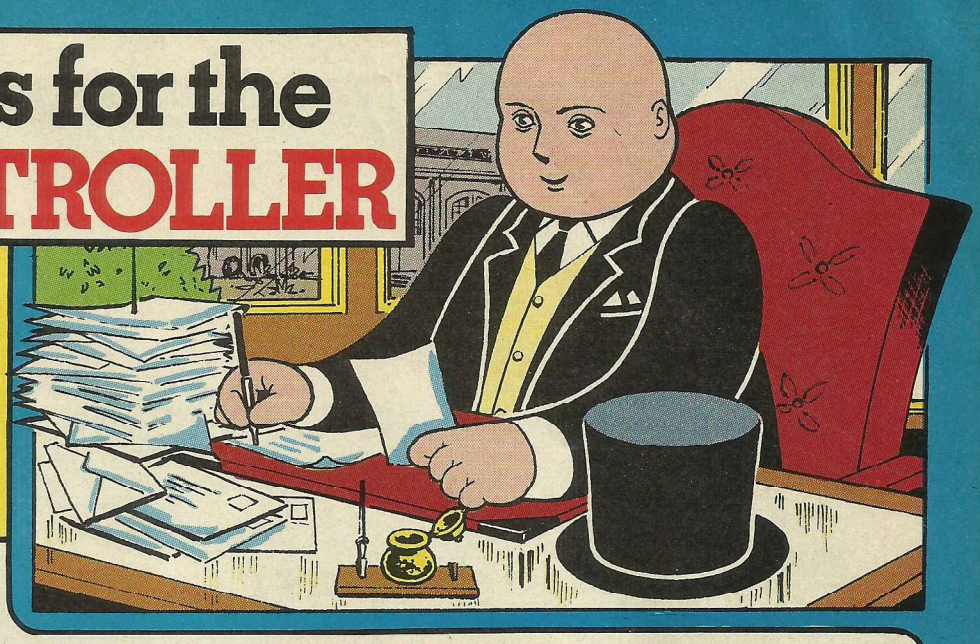

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I've just spent the best day that I've ever had,
When I went to visit Grandma and Grandad,
They took me and my brother to the Yorkshire Moors,
To see some engines just like yours!
Love from **Matthew Crane**, aged 3!

I've enjoyed reading your splendid rhyme,
Do write again another time!
It must be especially pleasing for you,
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TIME FOR REST!

Dear Fat Controller,
My mummy sends me to bed at 7.00pm every night. She says that **Thomas** also goes to bed at this time! Is this true?
Love from **Daniel Elston**, aged 2.

Well Daniel! All of my engines have to work to different timetables but I do like to make sure that they get as much rest as possible. Sometimes, my engines have to work very late at night! Once, I asked Thomas to deliver grain to the flower mill when there was a power-cut very late at night!

TUMMY TROUBLE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I haven't been feeling well recently. Can you tell me what happens when the engines are sick?
Love from **David Thomas**, aged 2.

My engines may feel sick when their boilers overheat and they may cough and sneeze. When this does happen I always send them to the Maintenance shed until they are fit and well again!

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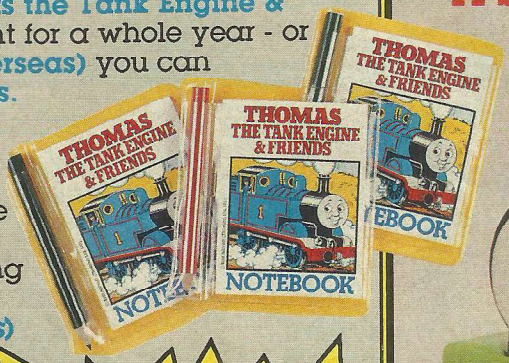

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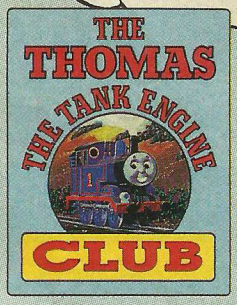

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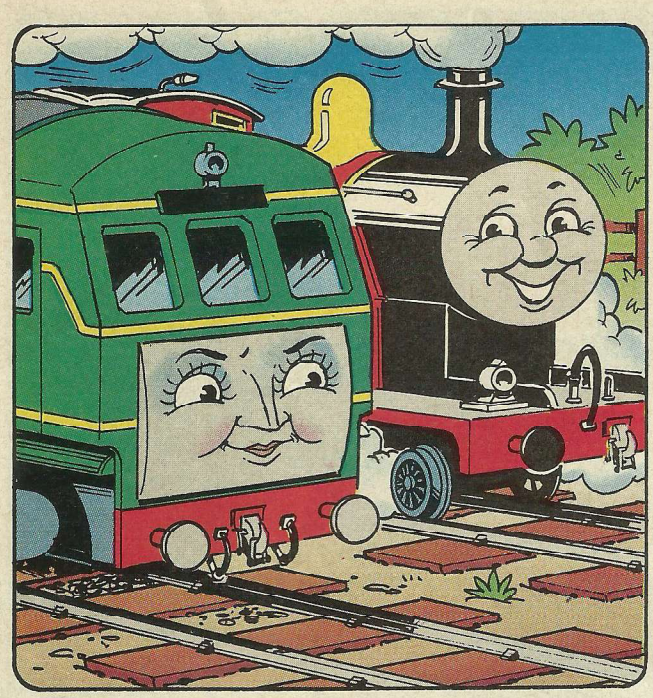
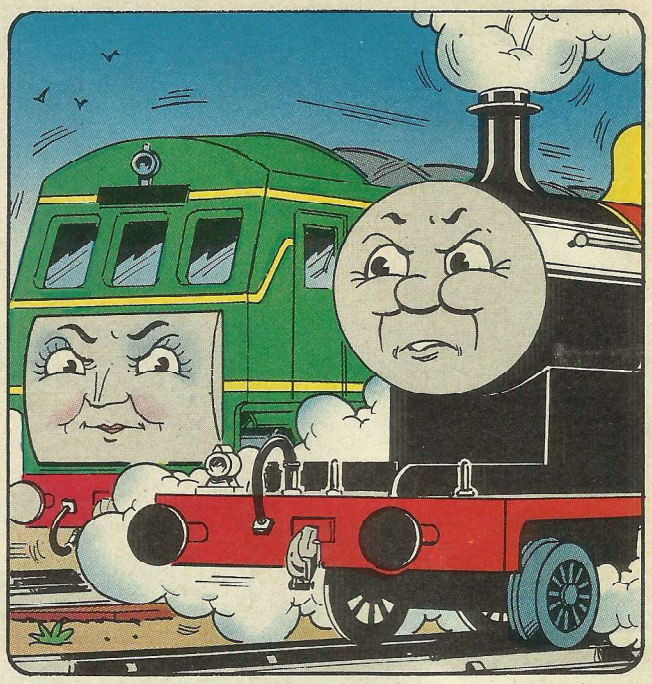
THE SPECIAL AWARD!

1. One sunny morning, Daisy rolled smoothly out of the engine shed. As she waited to take a passenger train, Daisy overheard the Fat Controller talking to the stationmaster.

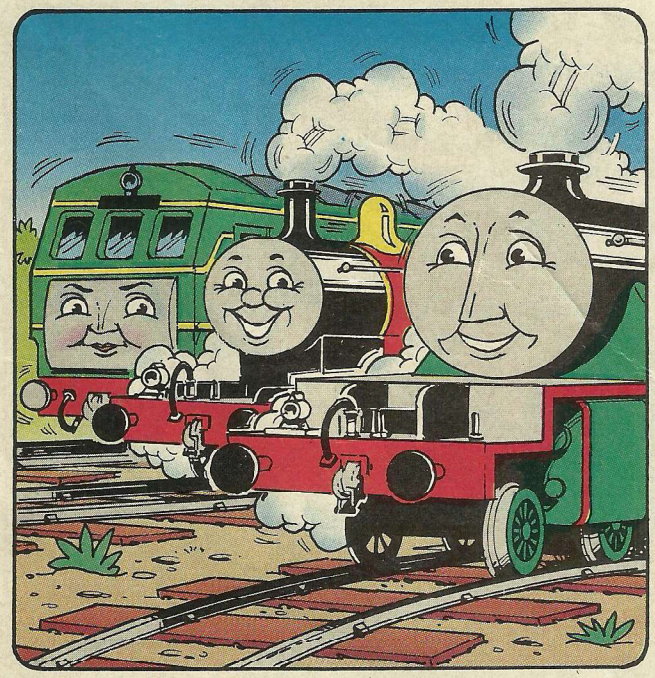
2. "A very important visitor is coming to the Main Station to make a special award!" said the Fat Controller. "Everything must be ready for his visit. Daisy was surprised.



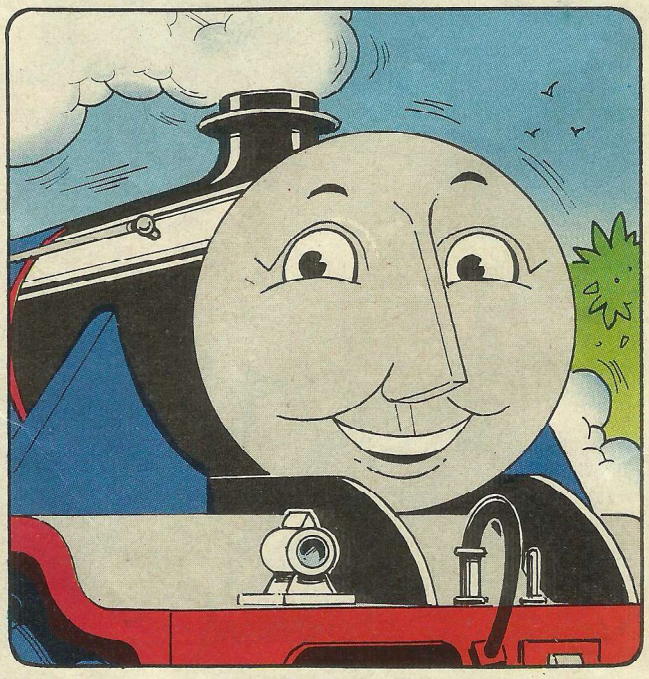
3. She wondered who the visitor could be. Then James puffed alongside. "I have some news?" called Daisy, excitedly. "We are going to meet an important visitor this Saturday."



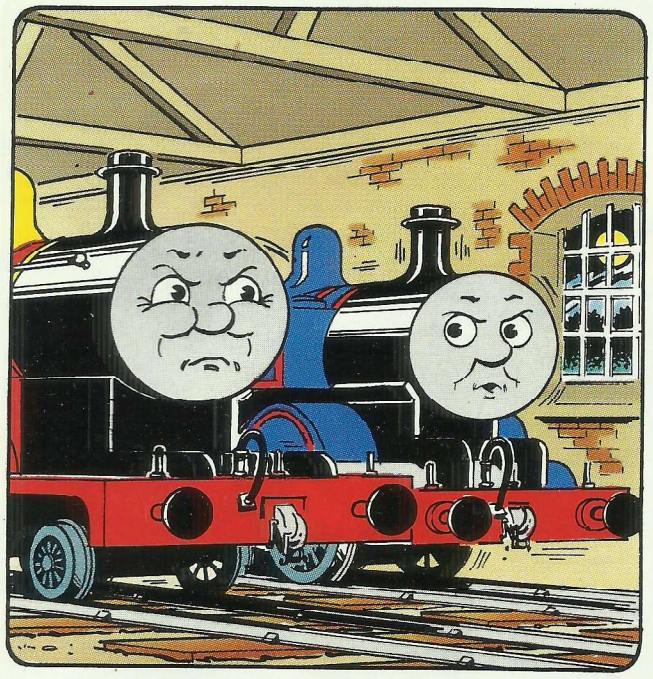
4. "He will be coming to present an award!" said Daisy. "I'm sure I will win it. I"m a thoroughly modern diesel!" "With my splendid colour, I am sure to win the award!" replied James.



5."Why are you so excited?" called Henry. The two engines told Henry the news. "Upon my pistons!" puffed Henry. "Perhaps the award is for me. I am a very powerful engine!"

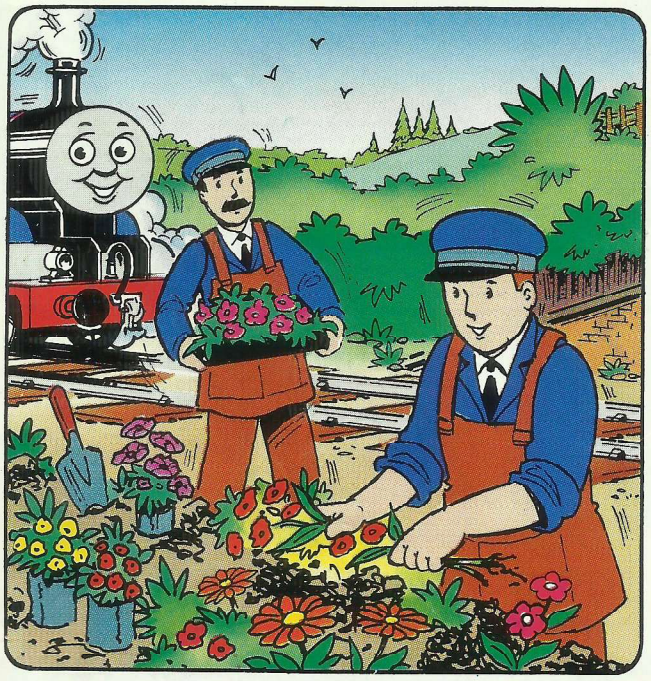


6. Soon all the engines had heard about the visitor and the special award. "Pah! The award must be for me," said Gordon, importantly. "I'm the strongest engine and I pull the Express!"

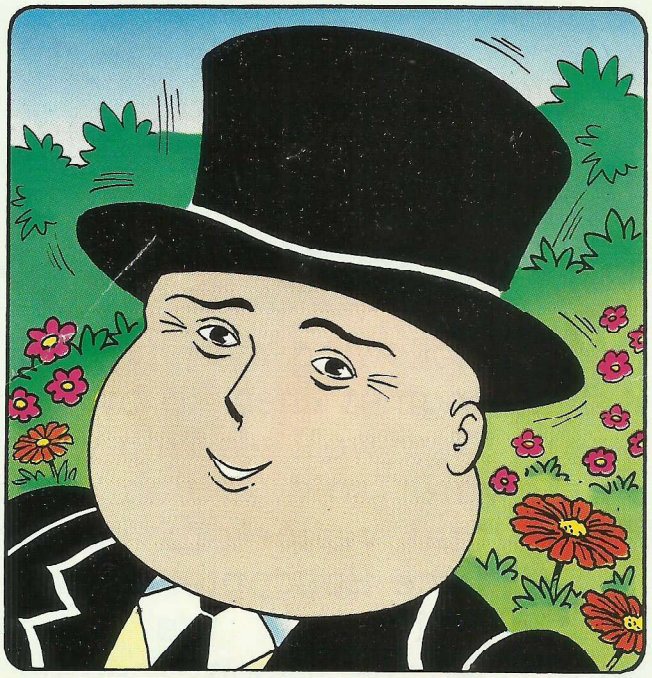


7. That evening, in the shed, all the engines were wondering about who should win the award. "It's for a tank engine, like me!" huffed Thomas." I'm a Really Useful Engine!"

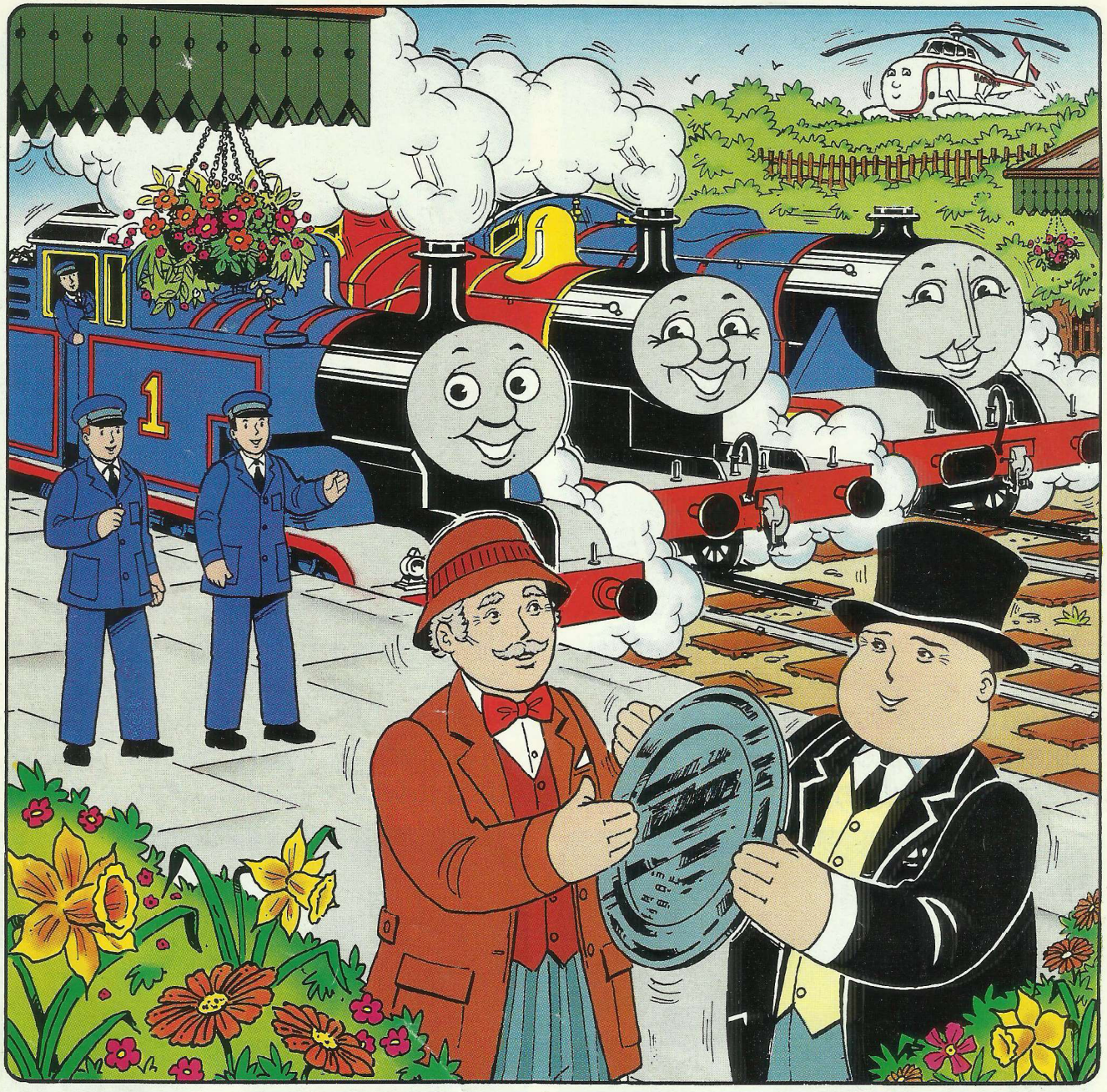
8. Each engine wanted to win the award. One by one, they went to be cleaned. Meanwhile, the railway staff checked the Main Station to see that it was ready for the visitor.



9. The Fat Controller was very confident that the special visitor would be impressed by his station as he always took great pride in keeping it clean and tidy.Everything looked splendid!



10. The Fat Controller also asked two of his guards to collect a table and some chairs so that food and refreshments could be given to the important visitor.



11. The following morning, the shiny engines lined up by the shed. "Now we'll see who wins an award!" said Gordon. The important visitor arrived in Harold the Helicopter. When Harold landed, the man inspected the station. Then he gave the Fat Controller a big silver plate. "Well done!" said the man. The Fat Controller thanked him and the visitor left.

12. The engines were puzzled. "Please, sir! Which of us won the award?" James asked the Fat Controller. The Fat Controller laughed. "We have all won the award. Our important visitor was a railway director from the mainland and his award is presented yearly to the cleanest and most efficiently run railway. Well done, all of you!" The engines felt proud indeed.

THE END!

In our next issue: The sea trip!